

- (vii) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

Supply of Coal

3228. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ancillary units of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) which met the requirement of coal of Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years alongwith the details of coal received from each ancillary unit;

(b) whether any complaints have been received from the above plant about the quality of the coal during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of deductions made in the bills of each coal company on account of supply of coal of poor quality during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Bokaro Steel Plant received coal from Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Northern Eastern Coalfields (NEC). Company-wise details of coal despatches to Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years were as follows:-

(In '000 tonnes)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	990.70	751.10	870.70
BCCL	2240.00	2123.00	2278.00
NEC	43.00	32.43	65.45

(b) and (c) Quality of coal despatched to Steel Plants including Bokaro Steel Plants was being determined jointly both at loading points as well as at Steel Plants ends. Complaints relating to quality of coal despatches are also raised/discussed in the monthly allocation meeting and corrective steps taken to improve quality of coal despatches.

(d) The price of coal supplied to Steel Plants is related to the quality in terms of ash percentage and accordingly adjustment of price is made. The year-wise deductions made by Bokaro Steel Plant from the bills are given below:-

(Rs.in lakh)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	726.01	299.98	1052.05
BCCL	869.92	532.66	355.64
NEC	NIL	NIL	NIL

[Translation]

Export of Iron Ore

3229. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore is being exported from the country;

(b) if so, the average quantum of iron ore exported during each of the last three years;

(c) the estimated quantity of iron ore reserves in the country; and

(d) the average consumption of iron ore in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years is given below:-

Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)
1994-95	260.48
1995-96	304.00
1996-97	190.81
(April-Dec.)	

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) Recoverable reserves of iron ore (which includes proved, probable and possible reserves) as on 1.4. 1990 are 12744 million tonnes.

Source: IBM, Nagpur

(d) The domestic consumption of iron ore during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1994-95	33.4
1995-96	36.2
1996-97	24.6
(April-Nov.)	

Source : IBM, Nagpur

[English]

Small Farmer Development Bank

3230. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Small Farmers Development Bank in the country to take

care of small and marginal farmers in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The credit needs of small and marginal farmers are being met by existing institutional arrangements.

[Translation]

Foreign Exchange Reserves

3231. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries whose currencies are available with the Foreign Exchange Reserves at present;
- (b) the amount invested by the Reserve Bank of India out of the said reserves during the last three years; and
- (c) the impact on the prices due to non-utilisation of the said reserve on productive works ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The foreign currency assets of the Reserve Bank of India broadly consist of convertible hard currencies of major countries where the markets are deep and liquid.

- (b) The entire foreign currency assets are invested abroad.
- (c) It is difficult to establish a direct correlation between productive work, utilisation of forex reserves and inflation.

Export of Silk

3232. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been decline in the export of silk products during the last few years;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Central Silk Board has urged upon the Union Government for creation of reserves of indigenous raw material in order to remain in competition in the growing global market of silk;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of silk products ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) There has not been a single trend of the exports

of silk products of the country during the last three years. While the exports of silk products during the year 1994-95 increased as compared to 1993-94, the exports during the year 1995-96 declined in comparison to 1994-95. This was mainly due to changes in fashion and customers preferences in the International markets, fall/stagnation in the unit export price of silk goods in terms of US \$ and general recession in major markets like USA and Europe.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

(e) In order to increase the exports of silk products, the Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organising generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like Tex Styles India, Publicity in foreign trade magazines, publication of magazine "Silk India" and colour forecast card for domestic silk manufacturers, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc. Besides, the Government has taken several measures to boost silk exports such as the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export products etc.

Foreign Investment in PSUs

3233. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign investment has been made in the public sector industrial units for the development and expansion of the industries during the Eight Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the year-wise and industry-wise investment made during the above period;
- (c) whether the profit has been increased in these industries as a result thereof; and
- (d) if so, the break-up of profit earned industry-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The allocation of plan outlay for Five Year Plans for public sector undertakings does not include foreign investment. However, there are some PSUs in which foreign parties have invested by way of equity and loans. As on 31.3.95, the foreign investment in terms of equity and loans was Rs. 112.21 crores and Rs. 36173.79 crores respectively. PSU-wise details are given in Statement No. 17 and 18 of Volume-I of P.E. Survey, 1994-95 laid in both Houses of the Parliament on 19.7.96. During 1992-93, the beginning of 8th Five Year Plan, the investment from foreign parties in terms of equity and loans was Rs. 121.81 crores and Rs. 30703.98 crores respectively. Year-wise cumulative figure for 1992-93 to 1994-95, up-to which period only information is available, is given in